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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE KING'S SPEECH.

FAR-REACHING REFORMS FORESHADOWED.

Gifts of Leisure and Prosperity to be More Equally Shared.

London, February 11.
His Majesty the King, in his Speech from the Throne, on the opening of Parliament, after pointing out that the struggle of German tyranny with European freedom had ended with the defeat of Germany and a new era had dawned, said in order to reap the full fruits of victory and safeguard the peace of the world an adequate Army must be maintained in the field, proposals for which would be submitted.

Referring to the Allied Conference at Paris, his Majesty emphasised the cordiality, goodwill and absence of disagreement marking the discussions and trusted that the preliminaries of Peace would soon be signed. He rejoiced that the Conference had accepted the principle of the League of Nations, for progress in that direction alone would save mankind from the scourge of war.

Alluding to President Wilson's visit to England, the King said the enthusiastic welcome was an earnest of the increasing understanding with which he trusted the United States and Britain would act together in future.

Proceeding, his Majesty said:—"For the last few months the Imperial War Cabinet has been in continuous session. My counsels as regards war and external affairs have been strengthened and enlightened by the presence of leading Ministers of my self-governing Dominions and my Indian Empire. The inspiring sacrifice and invaluable service rendered by the peoples of the Dominions and India during the war have won for them an important place in the councils of the world and it has been a source of especial satisfaction to me that their title to representation has been fully recognised by the Paris Conference. "I trust that the reports of the Committees enquiring into matters connected with Indian constitutional reform will be received in time to enable a Bill on the subject to be presented in the course of the Session. The position in Ireland causes grave anxiety, but I earnestly hope that conditions will soon sufficiently improve to make possible a durable settlement of this difficult problem."

His Majesty said the House of Commons would be asked to make further financial provision to meet war charges and for reconstruction.

Addressing both Houses, his Majesty said:—"The aspirations for a better social order which have been quickened in the hearts of my people by the experience of war must be encouraged by prompt and comprehensive action."

Before the war, poverty, unemployment, inadequate housing and many remediable ills existed in our land, and these were aggravated by disunion, but since the outbreak of war every party and every class has worked and fought together for a great ideal. In pursuit of this common aim, they have shown a spirit of unity and self-sacrifice which has exalted the nation and enabled it to play its full part in winning victory. The ravages of the war and the wastage of the war are not however repaired. If we are to repair these losses and build a better Britain, we must continue to manifest the same spirit. We must stop at no sacrifice of interest or prejudice to stamp out unmerited poverty, diminish unemployment, mitigate its sufferings, provide decent homes to improve the nation's health and raise the standard of well-being throughout the community. We shall not achieve this end by an undue tenderness towards acknowledged abuses, and it must necessarily be retarded by violence or even by disturbance. We shall succeed only by patient and untiring resolution in carrying through the legislation and the administrative action which are required. It is that resolute action which I now ask you to support. A large number of measures affecting the social and economic well-being of the nation await your consideration, and it is of the utmost importance that their provisions should be examined, and, if possible, agreed upon and carried into effect with all expedition. With this object, the Government will invite the consideration of the House of Commons to certain proposals for simplification of the procedure of the House which it is hoped will enable delays to be avoided and give members an increasing opportunity of taking effective part in the work of legislation."

His Majesty then announced Bills for the creation of a Ministry of Health, a Ministry of Ways and Communications and also measures for effecting a speedy and large increase in housing accommodation; for the fulfilment of the pledges given to the Trade Unions; for the prevention of unfair competition by the sale of imported goods below their selling price in the country of origin; and for increasing the industrial and agricultural output without which the considerable permanent betterment of the national condition cannot be effected. Proposals will also be made for encouraging land settlement, particularly for ex-Servicemen; for providing suitable men with the necessary agricultural training, for enabling them to stock and equip their holdings, and for the reclamation of the land and the promotion of comprehensive afforestation.

Concluding, his Majesty said:—"Finally, I recommend to your earnest consideration the industrial problems. That the gifts of leisure and prosperity may more generally be shared throughout the community is my ardent desire. It is your duty, while firmly maintaining security for property and person, to spare no effort in healing the causes of the existing unrest, and I earnestly appeal to you to do all that in you lies to revive and foster a happier and more harmonious spirit in our national and industrial life."

WOMEN SUFFRAGE FOR AMERICA.

SENATE THROWS OUT AMENDMENT.

Washington, February 11.
The grant of Women Suffrage by the Federal Constitutional amendment has again been rejected by the Senate.

THREATENED LABOUR TROUBLES IN AMERICA.

SEATTLE ALIEN AGITATORS DEPORTED.

Seattle, February 11.
A general strike has been officially called off. Fifty-four alien agitators have been sent to New York for deportation.

NEW YORK BUILDING TRADE DISSATISFIED.

Paris, February 10.
The threatened general strike of the building trade has not taken place.

LATEST AERIAL APPOINTMENTS.

London, February 10.
The Press Bureau states that Major-General H. M. Trenchard has been appointed Chief of the Air Staff; Lieut.-Col. F. H. Sykes, Controller-General of Civil Aviation; and Major-General Ellington, Director-General of Aircraft Production and Research.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

WILL HOSTILITIES BE RENEWED?

WHAT THE ALLIES THINK.

French Fear that Germany May Revive.

Paris, February 10.
The vital question with the French at present is not the League of Nations but the terms for a renewal of the Armistice. The French Press dwells upon the danger of a rapid Allied demobilisation, while the Germans still have millions under arms.

The British standpoint is that the main object of a renewed Armistice, and Treaty of Peace must be to deliver Europe from Militarism, firstly, by the abolition of conscription, and a beginning must be made by Germany. It is suggested that the German Army should be compulsorily reduced to its future peace footing now, in order to enable the Allies rapidly to carry out their own demobilisation.

The Americans favour leaving the Germans to dispose of their man power for the present as they choose, while insisting on the surrender of such proportion of war material as our Military Advisers think necessary. The American view is that the Allies are bound by the original Armistice terms, and that the basis of the Convention should not be widened by the inclusion of new demands.

Both the French and British official view is that there is no actual danger of a renewal of hostilities by the Germans, who, doubtless, have three millions of men in uniform, but their fitness and discipline are doubtful.

On the contrary, the French Press generally declines to believe that Germany is reduced to helplessness, and points to the tone of the speeches at Weimar as an indication of the future danger from seventy million Germans eager to renew an attempt to destroy France.

GOVERNMENT GIVES IN TO MINERS.

PREPARED TO MEET THEM IN EVERY WAY.

London, February 11.
The Government's reply to the miners' demands has been issued. As regards the demand for a six hour day, the reply states that, while the Government sympathises with the desire of the workers for an improved standard of life, it must, in considering the increase in the cost of production in the trades whose products form the staple of other occupations, think also of the consequences upon the general trade situation. It, therefore, proposes a strong, representative committee, on which the miners will be represented. It should enquire into this matter and also into the following other matters: namely, the cost of production and the distribution of coal, the selling prices and the profits; the question whether coal mining should be continued on the present basis, or under joint control, or be nationalised.

As regards the demand for increased wages, the Government is willing to add to the present war bonus a shilling per day which is equal to the rise in prices since January last year, and refer the other demands, in connection with wages, to the aforementioned Committee. The Government asks the miners to regard this reply as a clear indication of its intention to meet them in every possible way.

In connection with the demands regarding demobilised miners, the Government states that these must obviously be considered in relation with the general question of demobilisation. It is the Government's considered view that it is impossible to give demobilised miners different terms from those of other demobilised workers.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

SUPREME WAR COUNCIL MEETS.

Paris, Feb. 10.
A communique states: The Supreme War Council this afternoon discussed the conditions of the renewal of the armistice. M. Klotz then described the work, published in 1918 by the German Great General Staff, proving the premeditated and systematic character of destruction of French industry by the Germans. The Council referred the work to the Economic Committee. The Committee on Reparation discussed the principles on which rest the rights to reparation and examined the memoranda of different delegates. Mr. Hughes set forth the considerations on which the British memorandum is based.

HOW GERMANS USED STRASBOURG CATHEDRAL.

Paris, Feb. 11.
General Hirschauer, the French Governor of Strasbourg has informed Marshal Foch that inquiries, irrefutably proved by official documents, show that during the whole course of the war the Germans used Strasbourg Cathedral to support machine-guns and as an observation post for artillery and a listening post for anti-aircraft gunners.

POST OFFICE CHEQUES.

Paris, Feb. 4.
It is proposed to develop the new French system of Post Office banking, extending it to all Allied and neutral countries so that the Post Office cheque may become international.

RACEHORSE OWNER'S DEATH.

Paris, Feb. 4.
The death is announced of Baron Arthur Schickler, the well-known racehorse owner.

FRENCH ROLL OF HONOUR.

Paris, Feb. 4.
Three French Major-Generals and 30 Brigadier-Generals were killed in action, and one Major-General and 18 Brigadiers succumbed to wounds or disease.

POSTS FOR FRENCH GENERALS.

Paris, Feb. 4.
Generals Castelnau, Teyssie and Maistre on their return to Paris will be given new appointments as Army Inspectors, reconstituting the Council Superior General.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

Paris, Feb. 4.
The first full meeting of the Committee of the League of Nations has taken place, 22 articles covering the principal points upon which the nations will be asked to agree. Leon Bourgeois communicated to the League of Nations Committee a series of resolutions adopted by allied associations supporting the League, to obtain universal acceptance of humane conditions of labour. These have not yet been adopted by some highly civilised countries. They impose on enemy states limitations of armaments enabling the countries forming the League to effect large reductions in their military forces.

A most memorable incident of President Wilson's visit to Europe was the official reception by the Chamber of Deputies. M. Deschanel emphasised that a fundamental condition of a lasting peace was that France should be placed definitely beyond the reach of menace of attack. The thirty nations which broke with Germany should form the kernel of a future world league. President Wilson stated that in future when any nation was threatened the whole world would be waiting to vindicate its liberty. The sacrifice the world would have to make to achieve a League of Nations was as nothing to the sacrifices it would make if the League were not formed.—Havas.

PARLIAMENT OPENS.

London, Feb. 11.
Parliament was opened to-day by H.M. the King, who, accompanied by H.M. the Queen, drove to the House of Commons from Buckingham Palace. The Royal Procession consisted of four carriages attended by the Sovereign's escort of Household Cavalry. Besides Court dignitaries the occupants of the carriages included General Sir W. Robertson, General Sir Henry Wilson and Admiral Sir R. Wemyss. The ceremony was short of much of its stateliness owing to Court mourning. All the Peers were in mourning dress, mostly black. The only touch of colour in the whole House was the scarlet robes of the Judges and Bishops. The King was in Field Marshal's khaki uniform and the Queen all in black with a single rope of pearls and one diamond ornament on her breast. The King read his speech very deliberately and clearly so that every word was heard throughout the House.

BRITISH SHIPBUILDING ORDERS.

London, Feb. 10.
British shipyards have recently booked orders for well over a hundred vessels, representing a very large tonnage, this probably being a record. The Ellerman-Buchanan Line alone has ordered over fifty steamers on the North East Coast. The British India Company are building nine large liners, the Cunard eight, the Donaldson Brothers six, and the Cunard Brothers six, the Union Castle, and the Commonwealth and Dominion Company two each. The shipbuilding outlook is the brightest provided that labour settles down.

FRANCE CAUTIOUS.

New York, Feb. 10.
M. Clemenceau, interviewed by the Associated Press Paris correspondent, emphasised the difficulties of reconstructing France industrially whereas German factories were ready to produce forthwith. He also mentioned that while Germany's war debt was almost entirely domestic France was confronted with having to regularly pay abroad immense sums in interest. M. Clemenceau indicated that these aspects of the situation, the gradual demobilisation of the British all accountable for France's caution as regards the League of Nations and her insistence upon solid safeguards and securities. He admitted, however, that President Wilson had given heartening reassurances in this connection.

STRIKE SITUATION IMPROVES.

London, Feb. 11.
The Belfast strike has been provisionally settled, the men agreeing, subject to confirmation on Feb. 12, to resume work on a basis of a 51 hour week, pending a conference at which the employers will undertake to recommend less than a 47 hour week.

The Clyde Strike Committee recommends the full resumption of work on Feb. 12 "until we can perfect our forces with a view to enforcing the claim of a forty hour week by a national strike of all workers in the near future."

THE NORTH RUSSIAN CAMPAIGN.

London, Feb. 10.
A British North Russia communique states that Liverpool troops and a detachment of the French Foreign Legion consisting of Russians trained and officered by the French carried out a successful raid southward of Kadiak, inflicted heavy casualties, destroyed two field-guns and upset the enemy's preparations for attack.

COMPANY REPORT.

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The body of a European was picked up by the Lok Shing this morning. The body appears to have been in the water for several days, and it is presumed to be body of one of the Americans who was drowned recently.

DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY.

Victoria Theatre—8.15 p.m.
Coronet Theatre—8.15 p.m.

TOMORROW.

Victoria Theatre—8.15 p.m.
Coronet Theatre—8.15 p.m.

WHISPERED WIT.

There is much controversy over the Mons Star. Anyway it's a Man's Star. Ask a Scot!

Now the Military brass hats are changing its name to 1914, or 1915 Star, and so on.

Twinkle, twinkle, little star, First you're Mons and now you are

Changed to dates of years in plenty; We'll yet see one for 1920.

The ribbon of the Victorian Order is officially ordered to be worn in front of the D.S.O. and the M.C. And why not? An order of a dead and gone (and little regretted) period is surely of more importance than a mere European War or of heroes that earned those coveted honours.

So many orders and decorations are now being distributed (unearned in the battlefield) that it would be rather nice to recognise the merits (or demerits) of every erstwhile food hoarder by decorating him with a Food Order!

The Conscientious Objector's Anthem.—"God save our skin! Well, they have saved their skins (and they are right welcome to the tough morsels); but they have lost their votes.

Even thus they are better off than we in Hongkong, for we haven't a vote to lose.

I have actually heard women boast that they never dye—What a horrid ripe old age they will live to be! And the man of immense girth circumference, toiling up a steep hill on a hot day, cannot say he does not puff. While on the face of it women cannot deny that they do.

To the amazement and indignation of the officials in a London Court of Justice a cockney witness recently took the oath in this fashion: "The trufe, and nuffin but the trufe, so 'elp me—Bob!"

The troops in France were forbidden to take cameras into the line under penalty of court-martial. "Were the heads afraid the Bosches would be 'camera'd'?" Ask a trench soldier his opinion of it and he will say, "It's all Bosche!"

When the Bosches over-ran and looted French and Belgian towns they were full of wine. And later, when our boys tickled their ribs with their toothpicks, they were still full of whine.

The French people, as a nation, enter more into the joy of living and are of a sunnier nature than we Britishers. Why, they can express more joy in saying their simple "Oui" than ever an Englishman does in grunting his thanks for a fat cheque. How is it? Perhaps they will give us the wheeze.

With branches of industries already sprouting in parts of Brussels, it must be a case of Brussels Sprouts.

And the people of Ostend are unostentatiously reconstructing their city ready for business.

Both there and at Havre, there are the delights of unlimited mixed bathing. The mixed sweets of bathing! Gee! I would like to halve the enjoyment there in the coming Summer.

Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Bonar Law at Downing Street endeavour to crack a Social Reform nut:—

B. L.:—"Oh, George!"

L. G.:—"Oh, Lor!"

The proof of the whisky is in the tasting.

Potential Bolsheviks in England express themselves as unsatisfied with eight working hours a day. Is it because they hate working any hours a day?

The Bore.—"My friend Poits tells me he composed a delightful piece of dance music called 'Pottedam'. What do you think of that?"

The Sufferer.—"Reverse it!"

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There is a moving picture, now being shown called "The Cigarette Girl." The title is interesting and speculative, but not exclusive. For nearly every young lady in these modern times is a cigarette girl.

Although this is winter time, we shall be able to enjoy Somerset at the City Hall next week. Let us hope he will have a warm reception.

Heading from an English newspaper: "Remarkable feat of a policeman!"—I have always heard a lot about them, but I fail to see that they are any different to other people's.

The prayer of armed robbers.—Let us pray.

SIMPLE SIMON.

STATE-OWNED CANALS.

Mr. C. N. Barnes, speaking at Glasgow recently said he was glad to see that railways and canals were to be nationalised. (Cheers.) The railways were the main arteries of the country, and it was absurd that they should have been for so long in private hands and private control. They had not been worked in the interests of the community, but of the shareholders, and canals had been closed because they competed with certain railways. He hoped and looked forward, as the result of nationalising railways, to an immense stimulus to this country's industries, and along with it he believed they ought to develop the canal system to a much greater extent than hitherto. (Cheers.) We had a great deal of material to bring from France and the devastated areas of Belgium. As soon as possible the national workshops should be led on to the making of rails, locomotives, and everything necessary to run railways into undeveloped country parts, and thus bring produce into the market at a cheaper rate.

GENERAL NEWS.

"TREATED LIKE DIRT."

General Sir Archibald Hunter, in an interview amplified the reply he gave to a heckler the previous night as to why he resigned the Gibraltar command. The General had said that he resigned his command because the soldiers were treated like dirt. He explained that guards were interferred with and ranks broken, and the native police offered no redress. English ladies were spat upon, the population was really anti-British and pro-German, forgetting the prosperity the garrison brought them. It was false to suggest that he could not get on with the people. He would not see insult being continually heaped on brave men.

PRISON FOR HEROES.

At Portsmouth recently two sub-lieutenants, George Arthur St. George, R. N. R., 20, and Francis Walter Beauchamp, R. I. M., 20, pleaded guilty to stealing a ring valued at £18 from a Southsea shop. They asked to see some engagement rings, and made off with one which was subsequently sold for £15. The defending solicitor said the whole thing was done on a mad, sudden impulse, and with no idea of criminality. Both men had rendered an honourable account of themselves on active service. Beauchamp was at Gallipoli, and suffered agonies in taking a trench. St. George volunteered for dangerous work on the Belgian coast and was second in command of a launch in the Zebrugges and Ostend raids, being mentioned in dispatches. Accused, were both sentenced to two months' imprisonment, without hard labour.

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LOST LIBERTIES.

By a process which is painfully slow in operation, Hongkong is gradually being permitted to revert to pre-war conditions. For well over four years, the Colony had been hedged about by restrictions and subjected to regulations which touched all of us in one way or another, circumscribing our liberties and taking away much of the freedom that we were wont, in peace times, to enjoy. We have only to mention the passport regulations, the Examination Service, the prohibition of the movement of craft after sunset, the compulsory enrolments in the Defence Corps and the General Military Service Force, the censorship on cables and letters and the rigid control of newspapers, to call to mind some of the steps which were deemed necessary here and which, because of their very strangeness, weighed heavily on us as Britishers.

If we but care to search for it, history will be found to supply plenty of evidence in support of the statement that power, once gathered into the hands of rulers and administrators, is reluctantly given up, even though justification for its use may no longer exist. We are afraid that something of this sort of thing is happening in Hongkong. It is true that within the past three months—that is, since the cessation of fighting—some of the war-time restrictions have been removed, but there are still in operation some which affect our liberties and our rights which cannot, on any grounds of good reason, be defended. The Examination Service has been cancelled, vessels can now move about after dusk, the "lights" have been lifted, and at any rate something has been done to lighten service in the Defence Corps, while at the same time conscription for service outside the Colony has been suspended and the men who have left under the Military Service Ordinance are, we are assured, soon to be back again. But the Army Act, with its taking away of men's civil status, and the censorship of cables, letters and the Press, still persist. Whether all these things are still necessary we will not profess to say, but we assert most unhesitatingly that there is no longer any justification for the last-named—the continued enforcement of Censorship Regulations on the Press. We have before shown that almost immediately the Armistice was declared the Government of the United States promptly withdrew the voluntary censorship on newspapers, and that soon afterwards the naval censorship in the United Kingdom was abolished and the military regulations also modified. What suits England and America, however, does not do for Hongkong, according to the official viewpoint, and to-day the newspapers in this Colony are subject as much as ever they were to the most thorough-going control from official quarters. If Hongkong were in any special danger, and if we were more liable to enemy machinations than, say, the British Isles, we could understand and appreciate the need for a continuation of the Press censorship, but as neither the one supposition nor the other holds good, we are entitled to know why the Press here should be compelled to labour under regulations which do not apply at home.

The public has possibly little idea of the extent of the restrictions which have been imposed on the Press of this Colony during the past four years. Later on, we hope to enlighten them on the subject. To say that the newspapers have been greatly hampered in their work is to express the truth very mildly. We will agree that there was a time when some sort of censorship was a necessity, though even in those days the regulations might, without danger to anyone, have been less harshly applied. But that time has long since passed, and we know of no adequate reason why the whole of the regulations should not now be abolished. If one were to judge by their protected silence, one might imagine that the other newspapers were not very much concerned about the restoration of their rights. We are. Four years of censorship has been quite enough for us, and quite enough for the public, too. For, after all, the public has a right to a free, unmanipulated Press. To deny it that right is to take away from it an inheritance which belongs to every British community in every part of the great British Commonwealth.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

POLAND AND GERMANY.

We may take it that the conditions of peace which Germany will have to accept from the Allies will be such that Germany will be crippled for many years. We mean politically and militarily rather than industrially, for the Allies will probably see that Germany's commerce flourishes, for only in that way can they hope to obtain the great indemnities which the enemy must pay. Speaking from a military point of view, Germany, as far as Western Europe is concerned, cannot for many years become a nation to be feared. Britain, France, Italy and Belgium, taught by experience to be on the alert, will see to it that she is kept under. But what of the East? Germany will not easily give up her designs to become mistress of Eastern Europe. The League of Nations is still in the clouds, and we cannot hope for too much from this direction until it becomes a hard, practical fact. Until then, we must take steps to counteract German activities in the East. It is for this reason that so much importance is attached to the mission which has just been sent to Poland. The Allies intend to make Poland a strong and independent State which shall be in a position to circumvent German designs in Eastern Europe. It will be Poland's duty to do in the East what the rest of the Allies will do in the West.

THE ECONOMIC COUNCIL.

The Supreme Economic Council, just formed, is undoubtedly one of the most important steps towards the realisation of peace and a League of Nations. The economic factor cannot be lost sight of; it is indeed the most important during this period of reconstruction. After all, economies played a great part during the war, for there is no doubt that Germany, if she had been in a better position economically, would have been able to prolong the war for a very much longer time. But economies have an even greater part to play in the future, and the scope of the new Council is unlimited. It is an essential branch of the Peace Conference, which has to remodel all the existing principles of national life, and which has to build up a new structure to meet new political, social, and economic demands. In this period of transition, it is absolutely necessary to find some sort of link between the old order of things and the new, and as far as economics are concerned, the Supreme Economic Council is intended to fulfil this function. But its work will not in all probability finish with the signing of Peace, which will only mean that the new conditions are put in force. The League of Nations will take a long time to prove its worth as the only possible scheme to ensure lasting peace to the world, and an Economic Council must of necessity remain the most important factor in safeguarding the great issues at stake.

INCREASED SHIPBUILDING.

With the curtain practically rung down on war orders, British and Allied shipbuilding yards can cater to private needs. It will be a long time before the British Mercantile Marine can be brought in numbers to its pre-war strength. Germany's U-boat warfare has exacted a big toll on our commercial fleet, and whatever trades may suffer in the future from want of a demand, the shipbuilding trade will certainly not for some years to come. Reuter in one of his messages to-day informs us that orders for a hundred vessels have already been booked with the British shipyards. It would have been more educative if this message mentioned their tonnage as well. Day by day, the magnitude of Great Britain's peacetime task becomes more apparent, but the greater it appears the more cheerfully it is taken up. The country's business leaders are turning their talents to capture the markets that were lost during the war, and if the Labour leaders will prevent a recurrence of industrial disputes and labour settles down contentedly to its conditions, the nation's progress will not suffer, but instead will receive a great impetus. We should go forward with the building of a large Merchant Marine, which will benefit British trade considerably. And in this respect there must be co-operation between Capital and Labour. We must undertake very quickly the adoption of a sound national mercantile marine policy.

DAY BY DAY.

BOTH LIBERTY AND PROPERTY ARE PRECARIOUS UNLESS THE POSSESSORS HAVE SENSE AND JUSTICE ENOUGH TO DEFEND THEM.

The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 3s. 1-11 16d.

During yesterday there were notified two cases of diphtheria (one fatal) and one non-fatal occurrence of puerperal fever. All the sufferers were Chinese.

The Pass Office will be removed from the Central Police Station to the top floor Post Office Building on the 16th inst. From that date onwards permits to leave the Colony will be issued from there and not at the Central Police Station.

Messrs. Benjamin and Potts advise us that they have received an advice to the effect that the Lau Kung Mow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd., has made a profit for the year ending December 31, 1918, of Tls. 113,000, and that a dividend of 7 per cent. is announced.

This morning a Chinese, who was arrested with a bundle of clothing under his arm when coming out of Holt's godown, was blessed by Mr. J. R. Wood with "three months' hard labour and four hours' stocks in lieu of the last day; the stocks to be outside Holt's godown." A watchman of Holt's godown discovered the theft. The thief said the clothing belonged to a Blue Funnel boat.

No effort is being spared to make a big success of the grand variety concert which is to be given on Saturday the 22nd inst. in aid of the Ministering League funds. The dainty individual dances, by the little ones, will be followed by a flower ballet, a charming climax, which will prove a most attractive item. The subsequent vocal and instrumental items will supply a most pleasing contrast. After an interval a short sketch will be given, and this will no doubt prove an interesting finish to a most enjoyable evening's entertainment.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals—Mr. So Chi Yim, \$20; Kan U. Fong Theatre, \$50; Ko Shing Theatre, \$75; Poultry Guild 1918, \$200; Foreign Goods Dealers' Guild 1918, \$50; Boarding House Keepers' Guild 1918, \$130; Bellicose Public School, \$30; Bellicose Public School, girls (Special), \$25; Mr. Pong Tsoi Ching (Special), \$10; Tailors' Guild, \$40; Sam Kwai Wing, \$55; Chan Wong Ze, \$100; Wong Shi, \$10; Cotton Yarn Guild, \$100; Mathbaga Guild, \$75; Capt. T. P. Hall (Special), \$50; Mr. U. M. Omar, \$5; Standard Oil Coy., \$50.

Crying over spilt milk is not much use, but this morning in Mr. R. E. Lindell's Court we actually saw it put into practice. Yesterday a Chinese travelled to Kowloon by the new ferry company's launch. He carried a milk pail, and this in itself should have proclaimed to the Chinese girls who were his co-passengers that the man had not enough brass. What aggravated matters was that he took possession of a second-class seat when he had a third-class ticket. When the watchman asked him to go to the proper compartment he declined to obey him and instead assaulted him. The assaulter said that the watchman had thrown down his tin of milk and produced a witness to corroborate this fact. The latter said the Indian watchman said: "Just a little milk." Sergeant Aris said that when the defendant was brought to the Police Station the tin was absolutely dry, to which Mr. Lindell replied that probably it might have dried up whilst on the way. Mr. Lindell told the milk carrier that if he paid \$5 to the Government he could have his seat back for the next time.

MUSICAL JOTTINGS.

[BY "ENHARMONIC."]

The Royal Philharmonic Society recently started a series of six concerts at Queen's Hall, under the conductorship of Messrs. Landon Ronald, Adrian Boult and Major Geoffrey Toye. The programmes featured English compositions, which is surely a sign of the times.

The date of the declaration of the Armistice synchronised with the fixture for the performance of "La Bohème," by the Royal Carl Rosa Opera Company, at the Gaiety Theatre, Dublin. Before the Opera was commenced, the company assembled on the stage and national airs of the Allies were sung. There were certain dissentient voices but they were decidedly in the minority, and were soon "sung down."

M. Sklarevski and M. Sykora concluded their first season in Hongkong, yesterday afternoon, and I join with other music lovers in the Colony in regrets that these talented musicians could not extend their stay in the Colony. These regrets, however, are tempered with a feeling that we have, at least, given tangible evidence of our appreciation.

I have had the pleasure of some delightful half-hour chats with M. Sklarevski and M. Sykora, and our conversations have turned more upon political matters than upon music, although the latter topic has, of course, been of greater interest. I was particularly struck with the attitude of moderation with which these gentlemen expressed their political views and I learned quite a lot about the Czechoslovaks and the Bolsheviks. But upon any subject, they were most interesting personages to converse with, and, of course, their knowledge of matters musical, is complete.

Sir Frederick Bridge has been giving a series of lectures in London, recently, in which he has dealt with Moore's Irish Melodies, Sir Hubert Parry's works and an account of "Purcell's opera 'Diocletian' and 'Ayres for the Theatre'." Illustrations were given by a string quartet from Trinity College of Music and some well known vocalists.

Organ recitals are beginning to be popular again, at home, and luncheon hour performances are being given at various places. Large audiences have attended the Central Hall, Westminster, where Mr. J. A. Meale has been giving some popular programmes. During the last fifty years the organ as a solo instrument, has made wonderful strides, due principally to the increased capacity of organs and organists alike. The application of pneumatics and electricity to the keyboards and stops have facilitated the better rendering of organ pieces and, in capable hands, the modern organ is able to provide a musical entertainment most acceptable to popular taste.

I note that the new Editor of Musical Times, Mr. Harvey Grace, who succeeds the late Dr. McNaught, is an organist and choir trainer of considerable experience and holds the degree of F.R.C.O. He has written quite a good deal on organ matters and choral music and it is to be hoped he will take advantage of his newly gained opportunities for swaying public opinion to revive English choral singing and further to promote organ recitals.

BILLIARDS.

ANOTHER CHAMPIONSHIP GAME.

Much interest was centred last night in the Billiard Championship match between Sergt. Pitt and Mr. K. K. Leung. The result was a comfortable victory for the latter by 400 to 241. The winner's play throughout was only fair, while Pitt played a very indifferent game. Leung's best break was 35 and Pitt's 32. There was a large attendance of spectators.

To-night, O.S.M. Pragnell, R.G.A. master K. Higashido, will play against O.S.M. Youngman and F. W. Black. The match will be played at 8.15 p.m. and the winner will be the champion for the year.

SATURDAY'S FOOTBALL.

SHIELD AND LEAGUE MATCHES.

There is a good programme of matches for the week-end, including a semi-final shield match between the Royal Engineers and South China Athletic, and a United Services League match between Navy and R.G.A., also three 2nd Division matches of a very interesting nature. Spectators are thus assured of some good sport. There is also a 2nd Division Match on Friday evening between 87th Co. R.A. and 88th Co. R.A., which was postponed some time since.

The Shield match is a very attractive item, and the Royal Engineers, who had such a struggle with the Staffs in the first round, should win from South China although the former have lost the valuable services of Charters, their centre-half.

The Navy, who are favourites for all the Hongkong Football competitions on present form, should win from the R.A., and St. Joseph's should at least draw with the Staffs, although the latter team is one which commands respect from their opponents. The Navy Reserve will have no difficulty with South China if the Navy can field a representative side, and Kowloon and 83rd Co. should be a rare good game, with very little in it after the match is finished.

The matches and officials for Saturday next are as follows—
Hongkong Shield Semi-Final—Royal Engineers v. South China, kick-off 4 p.m., referee Mr. Tucker, Club ground.

United Services League—R.G.A. v. Royal Navy, kick-off 4 p.m., referee Mr. Pragnell, Navy ground.

Hongkong League 2nd Division—St. Joseph's v. Staffs, kick-off 2.30 p.m.; Navy ground, referee Mr. Emery. South China v. Navy Res., kick-off 2.30 p.m.; Military ground, referee Mr. Stevenson. 83rd Coy. R.A. v. Kowloon, kick-off 2.30 p.m., Club ground, referee Mr. Banks.

Friday 14th inst.—87th Co. v. 88th Coy., Club ground, kick-off 4 p.m., referee Mr. Tucker.

LEAGUE TABLE.
The tables giving position of the Clubs, including matches played on Saturday last, the 8th inst., show that a very keen struggle is still taking place for Championship honours. In the Senior Division although the Club and R.E. win, the Navy hold the best relative position in each League. In the second division St. Joseph's are very favourably placed but they have still some hard matches to play before they can feel safe.

HONGKONG LEAGUE: DIVISION I.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Against	Points
H.K. Club	7	5	2	0	12	4	10
Navy	6	4	1	1	15	2	9
R.E.	5	2	1	2	3	8	6
R.A.	5	1	2	2	3	7	4
S.C.A.	7	0	5	2	6	17	2

UNITED SERVICES LEAGUE.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Against	Points
R.E.	5	3	2	0	10	8	6
Navy	3	2	0	1	5	0	5
H.K. Club	4	2	1	1	5	3	5
R.A.	4	1	3	0	5	2	2
S.C.A.	4	0	2	2	0	5	2

HONGKONG LEAGUE: DIVISION II.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Against	Points
St. Joseph's	8	7	0	1	21	4	15
Navy Res.	10	4	3	3	25	11	11
Staffs	8	3	1	4	11	5	10
Kowloon	8	4	2	2	14	9	10
S.C.A. II.	8	2	4	2	9	18	6
83rd Coy.	9	3	6	0	12	18	6
83rd Coy.	5	2	2	1	10	9	5
87th Coy.	8	0	7	1	2	10	1

CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. v. C.R.C.

The following will represent the Hongkong Cricket Club on the latter's ground on Saturday 15th inst. at 2.15 p.m.—T. E. Pearce (Captain), F. J. de Rome, D. E. Donnelly, F. W. S. Evans, Capt. Gray, P. Jacks, E. Lamont, Capt. Murray, F. Sutton, E. P. Thurlfield and O. C. Zervyn.

C.R.C. v. MANCHESTERS.

This match will be played on Saturday at Causeway Bay and the following will represent the C.R.C.—Ng See Kwong (Capt.), Yew Man Tsun, George Lee, Harry Ching, James Wong, Chee Yik Cheung, Wong Po Kung, Ma Ping, Lin Yee Mun, and Lee and Cheung Wing Kiu.

BIG OPIUM SEIZURE.

STIFF IMPRISONMENT SENTENCES.

Mr. J. R. Wood is persona grata with the Revenue Officers, and this reputation was enhanced this morning when three Chinese were brought up before him to have administered to them a big dose of British justice. There has been a lull for some time in opium-smuggling. This, it has been proved, has been a deceptive sign for, on the version of Mr. J. C. Wildin, Revenue Inspector, one junk at least had been making regular trips to Macao and smuggling opium to this port. Revenue Officers had been on its track and had just succeeded in entrapping the smugglers.

The smugglers had been playing a hide-and-seek game all along. The junk, No. H81V was stopped last night by a Revenue launch as she was sailing into the harbour from Macao. A search of the junk revealed 50 balls of opium (in all 200 lbs.) concealed in one of the holds, covered by sails and fishing nets. The hide-and-seek was not over, for one Chinese was found hiding in one of the holds. When another search was ordered to be made, a second Chinese was discovered crouching in an adjoining hold. The owner of the junk and the two Chinese who were found hiding was put on their trial.

Thus spoke Mr. Wood, to the junk owner:—"The only alternative is that I give you six months. It is a serious matter that owners of junks should use their junks in this way. I was looking to see what the penalty is for the offence, and I see that there is a fine of \$5,000. If this is not paid, six months' hard labour. That is the penalty imposed upon you by this Court."

One of smugglers said he took "the opium from the territory of the contractor," while the other pleaded innocence, saying that the raw opium was not his, but was given to him by a friend to take with him.

Mr. Wood:—Is there any reason to suppose that the first defendant was in charge of the opium?

Inspector Wildin:—My information is that this is the tenth occasion on which the junk had been engaged by both these men. In each case the junk was hired for \$80 per trip to Macao. We tried to get them for six months.

Mr. Wood (to the two):—"The opium seized is valued at \$2,500, and you are liable to a penalty ten times that amount with the alternative of twelve months' hard labour. You are also liable to be sent to gaol without the option of any fine. In addition to a fine, you can be sent to gaol. What I propose to do is to send you to 12 months' hard labour each and to confiscate the opium."

WAGLAN ISOLATED.

ARMED ROBBERS CUT TELEGRAPHIC WIRES.

Telegraphic communication between Hongkong and Waglan has been cut off, owing to an armed robbery at Shek O, which is situated between Shaukiwan and Cape D'Aguiar. The affair took place last night, at about 10.30, and the robbers stole about \$300 in money, clothing, jewellery and other articles.

Local steamship companies are much inconvenienced by the disconnection of the line, since Waglan is the signalling station for incoming vessels.

FRENCH AIR SERVICE.

The *Petit Journal* states that French aviators intend to establish an association of picked aviators, from which those belonging to the air service who were the risks of the service by securing "safe" posts will be excluded. The sporting and tourist sides of aviation will be encouraged, and the association will place its services at the disposal of public and industrial enterprises.

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DAY BY DAY.

Mr. F. Vida, the Shanghai jockey, has arrived in Hongkong for the Races.

We regret to record the death of Lance Corporal Singleton, who passed away in a military hospital, in Glasgow, from influenza. Lance Corporal Singleton was a member of the local Police Force. He left the Colony in 1915 to volunteer for service, and was appointed to the Royal Flying Corps wherein he saw much active service in France.

Vice Admiral Tudor Tudor, C.B., K.C.M.G., Commander-in-Chief of the China Squadron, accompanied by Mrs. Tudor Tudor, arrived in the Colony at 10.30 this morning from Singapore, and was informally received on stepping ashore, at the Naval Dockyard, by Commodore Garner. The customary call was made at Government House at noon, where a guard of honour from the Manchesters was drawn up.

Remember Saturday is the last day for buying St. Andrew's War Bond ticket. "Get In and Help" says one of the latest ads. A Celestial, who possibly confused St. Andrew's War Bond tickets with "Sampui" lottery tickets, "got in" this morning by the gate of the Magistracy and "helped" the Police Treasury by paying \$50. See that you get the genuine War Bond tickets. None genuine without the hall-mark "St. Andrew's Society."

A Chinese, who was hard up for cash, was entrusted by his master to deliver a quantity of clothing to a washerman. He delivered them at a pawn shop, and the latter in turn delivered him to the Police. The Police could not be bothered with the man and delivered him to Mr. R. E. Lindell, who in turn ordered the Celestial to be delivered to the gaol authorities if a fine of \$50 was not forthcoming. So it is not only the sharebrokers who have to go through the task of making deliveries.

The giving of false names and addresses may be practised by Germans in China when peace is signed. In the meantime this pastime is being indulged in by certain Chinese. The difficulty of knowing when Lam Chi-fat is not Lam Chi-fat if he represents himself as the latter, is increased as Lam Chi-fats and Lam Chikats are like the sands on the seashore. To Sergeant Ingham falls the credit of knowing the different fates and katas by intuition. Yesterday a Celestial paid a pawnbroker in Des Voeux Road Central a visit and implored him to pawn a blanket. The Police are gifted with a good deal of common sense—we particularly emphasise this as its possession in this Colony is so uncommon. Sergeant Ingham, who was in the shop, guessed at once that the blanket could not possibly be the man's as it is very chilly at night and a blanket is a *sine qua non*. Moreover, the man gave a wrong name and address, and this morning Mr. R. E. Lindell gave him a Police number and stationed him at Victoria Gaol, where all his letters are to be addressed if he does not pay a fine of \$10.

WINGARIS

HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

Orders for Infantry Battalion issued to-day by Major H. A. Morgan state:—

Sunday, 16th February.—The Infantry Battalion will parade as under at King's Park Range to fire as follows:—

200 yards, (a) 5 rounds per man at 3 tiles per man in 45 seconds, (b) 15 rounds per man at a Silhouette Figure No. 3 in one minute, from command "Rapid Fire." Rifles to be loaded and 4 rounds in Magazine. Fire to stand in trench as in Practice 7 of the Annual Musketry Course.

The Platoon obtaining the highest percentage of hits will become holders of the Pollock Cup for one year.

Dress, Drill order with pouches.

Times of starting:—
8 a.m. No. 8 Platoon.
8.30 a.m. M. Gun Company and Mounted Section.

9 a.m. No. 3 Platoon and Signalling Section.

9.30 a.m. "D" Company.

10 a.m. No. 4 Platoon.

10.30 a.m. No. 2 Platoon.

11 a.m. No. 5 Platoon.

11.30 a.m. No. 7 Platoon.

12 noon No. 6 Platoon.

12.30 p.m. No. 1 Platoon.

Notice.—The dress for Officers attending the Engineers' Ball on 14th instant is Mess Dress (for those in possession of it).

The monthly meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held at the Helena May Institute on Tuesday, the 18th, at 5 p.m., and will be conducted by the Rev. A. T. Woodman Dowling, of St. Andrew's, Kowloon.

Poor Amelia d'Almeida. As she persisted basking in the sunshine of Hongkong, Mr. R. E. Lindell has been good enough to order her not to pollute the atmosphere of the place by her presence at large. She was permitted to bask in the sunshine of the Colony, but only within the parlours of the Victoria Gaol, for a period of nine months. The history of this case is interesting. This woman was banished by the Hongkong Government to Macao for a period of ten years. She came back on January 28th and was warned by the Captain Superintendent of Police and sent back. She came back again and this morning made a good deal of noise in Mr. Lindell's Court. She said she had a letter from the Governor of Macao. Mr. Lindell said he did not believe her story.

ARREST OF YOUNG TURKS.

A message from Constantinople says that the Government has arrested the most important and most dangerous members of the Committee of Union and Progress including the General Secretary of the Committee and the two Governors who were responsible for the deportations of the Christian inhabitants of Thrace and Asia Minor, and also the Ottoman delegate on the Board of the Public Debt and the former financial agent of the Committee. Public opinion considers that this measure should have been taken long ago, and that it constitutes only the first step in the repression of the crimes committed by the Committee of Union and Progress.

"PACIFIC PORTS".

NEW FOREIGN TRADE PUBLICATION.

The well known firm of Messrs. Frank Waterhouse and Company of Seattle, U. S. A., one of the largest shipping concerns on the Pacific Coast, realising the tremendous interest everybody now has in Countries on the Pacific in connection with the great volume of trade that is soon to begin with these countries by the rest of the world, saw the need for a Bureau of Information devoting itself entirely to trade and commerce and has organised such Bureau with headquarters in Seattle and Branch Offices in all the principal Cities in the United States. They are now organising similar institutions in all the principal ports of the Far East. Mr. J. H. Giles, Manager of Pacific Ports for the Far East, is now in Hongkong arranging for the opening of the Hongkong Bureau. Mr. Giles says that this Bureau will be at the service of all firms desiring information regarding trade matters in any of the countries on the Pacific. This Bureau is intended to furnish information on Chinese native products, trade conditions in general to firms seeking this information and to give specific information to manufacturers desiring to enter this market. This is not to be confined to American enterprise but is international in its scope, serving any firm in the world interested in trade on the Pacific Ocean. Being a shipping firm, Messrs. Frank Waterhouse and Company are directly interested in developing trade on the Pacific, and in doing so, are naturally helping the shipping industry. They are not in the merchandise business and are not competing with anyone engaged in imports and exports.

The mouth-piece of the Service Bureau is a monthly publication called *Pacific Ports*, which will have the largest circulation of any trade magazine in the world. The best authorities on trade information that can be obtained will contribute monthly articles from all the principal ports in the Far East making this magazine indispensable to all those who wish to keep themselves posted on foreign trade.

The co-operation of the business interests of the Far East is earnestly desired in making this work as constructive as possible.

FAIR PLAY FOR GIRLS.

TOO MANY OVERTAX THEIR STRENGTH.

A girl who earns her parents' admiration by growing rapidly, becoming taller than themselves before she is well embarked on womanhood, hardly has fair play. She often outgrows her strength, and unless her development is carefully watched and her blood kept up to the mark, she will become pale and anaemic suffering sometimes great misery, and will run a great risk of going into a decline.

In plain words for woman's reading a book "Talks To Women," explains the care needed by their sex at all ages. It will be sent, free by post, to any reader who forwards a postcard to the address mentioned below. The great need of growing girls is pure blood—abundant, rich and red. In all ordinary cases the new rich blood made by Dr. Williams' pink pills for pale people will enable a pale, thin girl to develop healthily to blooming womanhood.

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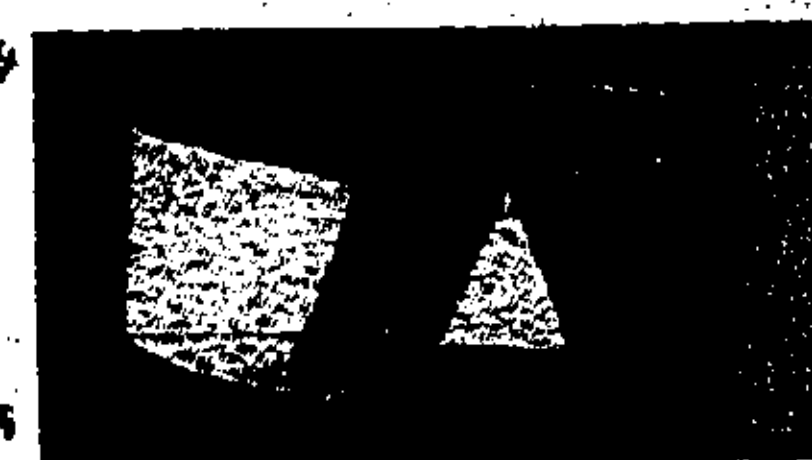
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SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE...	*Yamagata M. T. 8,003	{SATURDAY, 15th Feb.
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T. 8,000 Feb. at 11 a.m.
Yubari Maru {Beginning of
T. 8,000 March.
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Steamer	Leave Hongkong
TERO MARU	15th Feb.
KOREA MARU	28th Feb. from Yokohama.
SHINYO MARU	5th March.
PERSIA MARU	12th March.
KOREA MARU	22nd Apr. from Yokohama.
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SHIPPING NEWS.

SHIPPING PROBLEMS.

It is probably true to say that no clear views as to how the Central Powers are to pay for their destruction of our mercantile marine are held generally, or even widely, in the shipping world. A proposal to convene a conference upon the subject, at which shipowners, shipbuilders, and ship labour of all kinds would be represented, was abandoned not long ago, as there was no definite programme. The old "ton for ton" proposal in its crude form—i.e. that the enemy should hand us over a ship for every similar ship he has sent to the bottom—offers no solution, for two reasons: (1) He has not enough ships; (2) if we require him to build ships for us at once in adequate numbers we should be creating artificially the strongest possible competition with our home shipyards. Let us consider what tonnage the Central Powers have with which to pay the bill: In the middle of 1914 the world's shipping totalled about 26 million tons net. Of this amount about 3.8 million tons was owned by Germany, Austria Hungary, and Turkey, two millions being on the outbreak of war in neutral British, and Allied ports, and 1.8 million at home. Of the two millions, however, not more than half a million was in permanently neutral ports, the rest being interned in the U.S.A. and Brazil, who may desire to hold on to what they have got. It is evident, therefore, that the amount of enemy shipping which we can actually put down in our accounts does not exceed 2.3 million tons net (3.8 millions minus 1.5 million in the U.S.A. and Brazil), or, let us say, three and a half million tons gross. Now as to our own losses. The total British losses (war and marine risks) during the period of the war had reached at the end of last September nearly nine million tons. The total replacements in the United Kingdom to the same date were something over four million tons, leaving an adverse balance of five million tons. (The effective losses would, however, be considerably greater, the replacements not being of the same class as the losses. For example, a Lusitania was not replaced by a Lusitania, but by a number of smaller vessels.) Following the generally accepted proportions, a British loss on balance of five millions would imply a total world loss of about eight millions. But allowance must also be made for the enormous deterioration of ships still afloat, owing to shortage of labour and material, equivalent, perhaps, to another million tons. This gives a total effective British loss of at least six millions and a world less nine millions. It will be seen at once that if we seize all the enemy ships available he will not have paid much more than half the bill. How is the rest to be raised? The first point to be noted is that Germany will not be able to pay the balance at all unless she has the use of a certain amount of shipping. If she is to indemnify us we must allow her to work. If we take away all her ships she will not be able to work, at any rate at full pressure. On the other hand, if we simply allow her to use her own for her benefit the ships will not be made the best use of. For it is an important factor in the problem that the proportion of large liners to tramps is much greater in the case of Germany than in the case of British shipping, while our need of large liners for such services as the transportation of troops is particularly pressing. What is the solution indicated? (1) A pool of the world's shipping under the control of Associated Powers. (2) The allocation to the Central Powers group of such vessels as can be spared, having regard (a) to our own prior claims in the task of reconstruction; (b) to the necessity of the German people being given an opportunity to work in order to pay what the war has cost us. One may presume that, under such a scheme the greater proportion of the ships lent to Germany would be of the useful but not very ornamental tramp class, of which we have built a great fleet during the war, while our fleet of liners has decreased. Part of the balance of the marine indemnity which we should thus be giving facilities to raise might be paid in kind—possibly in ships—and part in cash. That is a matter for the Government to decide. The amount would have to be sufficient to compensate us in full for the number of the material losses we have suffered at sea since the war began.

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Tilpanas	Java	14th Feb.	23rd Feb.	Java
Tilwong	Java	19th Feb.	27th Feb.	Shanghai
Tilmanroek	Java	22nd Feb.	27th Feb.	Shanghai
Tilini	Java	23rd Feb.	27th Feb.	Shanghai
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SPORE & Samarang	Hinsang	Sat. 15th Feb. at 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI via Swatow	Taisang	Sun. 16th Feb. at 3 p.m.
SINGAPORE	Van Waerwijck	Tues. 18th Feb. at 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI	Koonshing	Fri. 21st Feb. at 3 p.m.
MANILA	Loongsang	Fri. 21st Feb. at 3 p.m.
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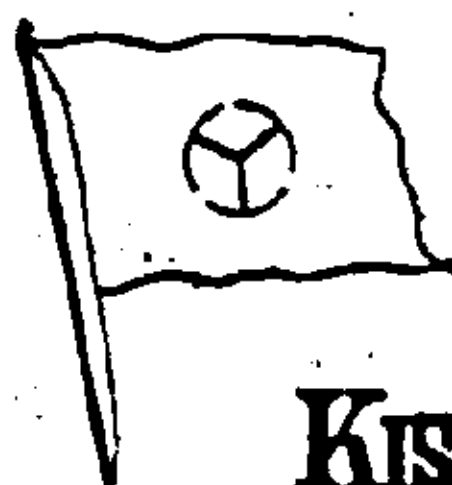
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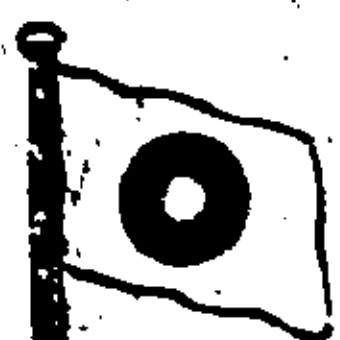
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Consignees of cargo must

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and Exports, Hongkong, before

Bills of Lading will be counter-

signed.

All broken, chafed and damaged

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owns where it will be examined at

10 a.m. on February 14th, 1919 by

the Company's Surveyors, Messrs

Goddard & Douglas.

All claims must be presented

within thirty days of the steamer's

arrival here, after which they

cannot be recognized. No claims

will be recognized after the goods

have left the Godowns, and

goods undelivered on and after

February 17th, 1919, will be sub-

ject to rent.

No fire insurance whatever

will be effected.

Consignees are requested to

send in their Bills of Lading for

countersignature immediately.

PACIFIC STEAMSHIP CO.,

No. 12 Ice House Street,

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extra hazardous Godowns of the

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and Godown Co., Ltd., whence

and/or from the wharves delivery

may be obtained.

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after the Goods have left the Go-

downs, and all Goods remaining

undelivered after the 16th

inst. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer

must be presented to the Under-

signed on or before the 23rd

inst. or they will not be

recognized.

All broken, chafed and dam-

aged Goods are to be left in the

Godowns, where they will be

examined on the 15th inst., at

11 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been

effected.

Bills of Lading will be counter-

signed by

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,

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Hongkong, 10th February, 1919.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The R.M.S. EMPRESS OF RUSSIA

arrived at Singapore on the 9th February

and is due at Hongkong on or about the

15th inst.

The S.M.S. MONTAGUE left Van-

couver for Hongkong, on the 3rd Jan.

and is due here on or about the 25th

February.

The P. & O. s.s. DUNERA left Shang-

hai for this Port on the 10th inst., with

the baggage, mail, and is due here

on the 15th inst.

The China Mail S.S. Co. is in receipt of

a telegram from its San Francisco Office

advising that the s.s. HANKING arrived

at that port on Sunday, February 3, 1919.

The R.M.S. EMPRESS OF RUSSIA

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February, and is due at Hongkong on or

about the 15th inst.

The P. & O. s.s. HENNA left Hongkong

for this Port on the 11th inst., with bag-

CONSIGNEES.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

s.s. "TENYO MARU,"

From SAN FRANCISCO VIA

HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS

AND MANILA.

The above named steamer

having arrived, consignees of

cargo are hereby notified to

send in their Bill of Lading for

counter-signature and to take

immediate delivery from along-

side.

Cargo remaining undelivered

on 14th February, 1919, at 5 P.M.

will be landed at consignees risk,

and expense, and delivery must

then be taken from the Com-

pany's Godown.

Storage charges will be assess-

ed on all cargo remaining un-

delivered on 15th February, 1919,

at 5 P.M.

No Fire Insurance whatever

will be effected.

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THE RUSSIAN ARTISTS.

LAST EVENING'S CONCERT.

The Russian artists, M.M. Bogumil Sykora and A. Sklarevski gained additional laurels last evening from an enthusiastic crowd at the Theatre Royal. The reason for the good house may also be attributed to the opportunity it gave to many, who do not feel like keeping up at night, of hearing these versatile instrumentalists at a matinee.

M. Bogumil Sykora gave an additional exhibition of his virtuosity, handling his cello almost like a violin. He has a mastery of shade and light, string fingering, phrasing, and bow manipulation. He handled the Concerto in A minor by Saint-Saens—a most beautiful piece for cello—in a manner quite unique. This Concerto is written in three parts; the first is Allegro non troppo, and the second Allegretto con moto. It is not often that composers write the second movement allegretto. Mostly they write the second movement andante or adagio. The third movement of this Concerto was like the first (allegro non troppo). To make an impression with this piece, it is necessary to produce one big and fine tone and also to be an extraordinary interpreter. In this M. Sykora showed himself a possessor of those qualities. The contrast between the pianissimo and the fortissimo and all the shades were brought out like a dream. We need not discuss the technique, as it was faultless. Responding to an encore, he played the beautiful dance by Mozart. Its rendering carried us back to the old happy days.

In the second part M. Sykora gave us Glazunoff's Song of the Minstrel, one of the finest for the cello for tone to bring out the beauty of the instrument, and the beauty was extracted to its last drop by M. Sykora. This was followed by David Popper's Polonaise de Concert in D minor, another excellent piece for cello. M. Sykora did great justice to this. In response to encores he gave some further charming melodies.

On M. Sklarevski fell the lengthy part of the programme. He went back yesterday again to Schumann and selected his Scenes of Childhood (opus 15), in thirteen parts, which were not accurately described on the programme. For instance, what constituted "Vision" was "Dead Dream" and "Fright" was "described as 'Shyness'." Of course, these errors in translation were apparent to many when the parts were played, for these two did not portray what they were described as. Nevertheless, it was a musical treat, and "Catch me if you can" (very whimsical tones), and "Child falling to sleep" (very delicate touches) and the "Poet speaking" (fantastic) were well received. As an encore he played Liszt's Capriccio.

In the second part he gave us Rubinstein's Barcarolle which reproduces the melody of the water with the accompaniment of the waves. This the pianist brought out clearly. Debussy's Moonlight was a picture and M. Sklarevski is a master in painting such picturesque pieces on the piano. Debussy is the best French composer of the new school; he died only a year ago in France. Scriabine's Etude in D sharp minor is a very brilliant piece and the best of the composer's Etudes. Scriabine is the greatest Russian modern composer and higher than Debussy in rank. He died five years ago in Russia, and he invented a new way in music. For an encore the pianist played the Turkish patrol by Liszt—a very difficult piece.

SOLDIER CANDIDATES.

BY EDWIN PUGH.

"I shall vote for Lieutenant Valour," said the one woman, "because he's a soldier."

"That's the very reason why I shan't vote for him," said the other. "We've had enough of soldiers and soldiering, militarism and war. The men we want to represent us now are the men who believe in peace."

"Pacifists?"

"Perhaps. Perhaps not. At any rate we don't want a khaki election. We don't want Army men."

"But why not? Don't you realise that most of the best men in England have been, or are still, in the Army? If you don't vote for them, for whom are you going to vote?"

"I'm going to vote for Mr. Twiddle."

"I know nothing about Mr. Twiddle, so I'll say nothing against him. But if he has never been in the Army it must be because he was over age, in some protected occupation, unfit, a conscientious objector, or just a cowardly shirker who dodged service by hiding himself away in some funk-hole. Would you rather put any man of that kind into Parliament than a fine young fellow, with brains too, who gave up his profession and joined the ranks just because he felt it was his duty?"

"I don't care about that. All I know is that if we go and put a lot of soldiers into Parliament we shall get war again for certain. Isn't war a soldier's business?"

"It was none of our present Army's business. They didn't join up because they liked war, but because they liked peace and wanted to put an end to war for ever: dukes and dustmen, clerks and actors, barbers and lawyers: all manner of men who'd no more thought of ever being soldiers than your Dorothy ever had of wearing breeches."

"Let me ask you one or two questions, may I? Who made the least out of this war, who's suffered the most, who's received the least wages and the most hard knocks? The soldier, officer or private?"

"Who's hated war most, who's longed for peace so much that he was glad to get a 'Blight' that would send him back home, though it cost him the loss of a limb or an eye? The soldier."

"Who's seen the worst horrors of this war, who's learnt so much of what war means that he hates to talk about it? The soldier."

"Who, then, is most likely to do everything he can to prevent any future wars, to safeguard peace, and to win back for us—you and me and everybody else, as well as himself and his old comrades—that ease and comfort, happiness and prosperity, and all the other blessed and beautiful things that he gave up to save his country, at the risk of his life, from ruin, misery, slavery? Why my dear, the soldier every time!"

TATOOED ON A U-BOAT.

A sea-going fireman named Burton Mayberry, of London, at present working in a Tyne shipyard, is the victim of a new type of German brutality at sea. When his ship was torpedoed he was taken aboard the submarine and ordered to go on his knees and curse England. When he refused, the submarine commander threatened to compel him to drink his own blood. Mayberry was then trussed up and two German sailors tattooed two large serpents' heads on each cheek down to the shoulders in red and blue ink with an electric needle. The commander then said the serpents would devour him if he went to sea again. He and his companions were then set adrift in an open boat, and were without food for three days before being rescued.

THE GOLF CALL.

BY ANTHONY SPALDING.

Now that we are emerging from the tense concentration of the war it is not matter for surprise to find there are generally manifest signs of a revival of interest in golf. During the past four years it has provided occasional and unobtrusive recreation largely for convalescent soldiers and men on leave, but the majority of people have scarcely seen their clubs, and when they did golf they felt they were doing something out of tune with the time. The cessation of hostilities set the echoes "flying," like Tennyson's bugle, in every player's heart, and with the end of tribulation came a changed mental attitude.

The golfer no longer sneaks off to the course or feels self-condemned, if seen carrying a bag of clubs, imagining that people are saying and thinking, it would be better if he were shouldering a rifle. Now he goes forth openly in the sight of all men and plays his round with a conscience void of offence. There is, however, something more than a natural disinclination to remain inactive underlying the resumption of play throughout the country, and an examination of the functions of a game supplies an explanation.

AN ABSORBING INTEREST.

The blessed purpose of a game is that its pursuit shall so engross the player as to cause him to forget all the worries of his profession, business, or his domestic life. And because golf possesses this quality in higher degree than any other game, it has become one of the world's assets, and is assured of permanence. That golf is played in almost every country is proof of its hold on man's affection, and it is a lasting hold. If its healthful influence and playing interest were less than this, if it did not do for man what a game should do, if behind the outward and visible signs of play there were not an inward appeal to the senses, there would be no evidence of a renewed demand, golf would have been relegated long ago to the limbo of things forgotten.

Most games are subject to caprice, to ups and downs, but the record of golf is one of steady growth all over the world. It has never lost its grip on the imagination of people who have taken it up, and because it fulfils a purpose in modern busy life, its arresting force to men and women becomes more and more powerful year by year.

THE URGENT NEED OF THE TIME.

Was there ever a time in the world's history when a recreation providing physical exercise and mental rest was more needed than now? The increased number of players on the links is just the manifestation of the expression of a desire to refresh the spirit within, and, in the absorbing charms of the game, forget the desolation and destruction of the past four years. The recreation of mind and body is needed by those who have stayed behind and endured in silence and with patience the anxieties and strain of an overwrought life as well as by those who have been mangled and broken on the battlefield. This need is universal, and there is only one game whose inherent qualities are capable of ministering to an afflicted world the soothing virtues of sensitive enjoyment and oblivion of all cares. And thus, in a minor way, golf is doing the service of the angel who stirred the waters of the pool of Bethesda.



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A GAME FOR ALL AGES.

It is, indeed, singular that a game in which the ball is at rest (waiting to be hit) should possess the affection of men and women with such a conspicuous and unswerving loyalty. Other games may make a more athletic demand than golf, but as yet no game has been discovered that serves the various purposes of man's pastime quite so well. That the ball is struck when it is stationary implies that it may be played by those who are no longer able to run, that is to say, it is adapted for middle-age and older men and women. Let not such an admission be misunderstood. It can never be brought against golf as a charge that it is too easy or too simple. At its best, golf is not less insistent in its demands for the courage, resource, elasticity of muscle, and accuracy of eye that a man has in his best days, even as in games with the ball in movement. The winner of the golf championship is not less a hero than a member of an All-England eleven. Between an old man's game and a game that old men can play there is a wide difference, but the

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GREAT ACTIVITY AT THE CLUBS.

Apart from the increased number of players on the links, great activity prevails at the clubs, where officials are extremely worried over the difficulty of obtaining the services of men who understand green-keeping. Except Dollymount, Princeps, Deal, and Sandwich, none of the famous courses have suffered damage. The two former courses have been in military occupation, and at Deal six of the holes were covered with barbed wire entanglements, and other preparations for war. The disfigurements at Sandwick are of considerably less importance, and at both places the work of restoration is in hand. The championship is due to be played at Deal, and it is to be hoped the course will again be in a fit condition when this important event takes place next June. The old course at St. Andrews is as good as ever, and the state of Hoylake, Prestwick, Westward Ho, Formby is normal, which means that conditions are very good, and at Walton Heath, Sunningdale, Royal Wimbledon, Mid-Surrey, and other London clubs the links could scarcely be in better condition at this time of the year.

The inland golfer will experience the greatest difficulty owing to the soft ground and plenitude of grass. He may have to modify in some degree his conception of the best way of playing the game; to hope for much running of the ball is futile, and the ball that carries is the shot that pays; indeed, the imperfect pitcher, if he can only harden his heart, has things made easier for him by the soft ground.



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N. J. Stabb,
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